

# Fineview Citizens Council

## Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

Pittsburgh Project Sanctuary

Meeting Called to order at 6:15pm by PHCC president Dwayne Barker

### **Recitation of Vision:**

We build a C.A.R.I.N.G. community. One that's Collaborative, Advocating, Respectful, Inspiring, Neighborly, and Gracious

### **Governance**

- 1) Review of Consent Agenda (FCC August 2023 Minutes, Staff Board Report)  
*J. Hanrahan moves to accept Consent Agenda*  
*D. Malcolm seconds*

**Motion passes unanimously**

### **Finance**

- 1) Poise Grant application for \$6500 was not approved
- 2) Report submitted on 8/31 for Heinz Endowment 2022 award of \$175,000
- 3) NED grant application for \$80,000 was submitted on 8/11
- 4) PHCC/FCC joint fundraiser "The Farmer and the Flea" was on 9/9
  - a) L. Bagshaw opened a query regarding the nature of the of the Farmer and the flea, as it did not reach its revenue goal
    - i) Though vendor recruitment was decent, patron turnout was low
    - ii) D. Malcolm suggested that event be treated as a pilot program

### **Staffing**

- 1) E.D. search update: Presidents Johnson and Barker have been reviewing candidates for Executive Director with Consultant Deborah Holland. On Thursday, 9/15 a committee will be interviewing 4 candidates of 9 promising applicants. Some discussion and concerns were raised regarding the role of the board directors in the upcoming interviews. Pres. Johnson reviews the process as stated by consultant D. Holland and will send the board the draft list of interview questions for review and revision before 9/13. D. Barker emphasizes the urgency and attention that has been paid to the interview process
- 2) Review of Cash Flow: D. Barker informs the board that the operating costs of the organization are running at a deficit. Proposals for various reductions of costs are presented to the board. D. Holland has donated a proposal for some organizational restructuring

### **Youth**

- 1) G. Haley reports that the Learn & Earn commencement was beautiful and well handled by the staff & learners. Currently collaborating with PCRG to fashion protocol for the forthcoming youth advisory board.

### **Housing & Equity**

- 1) In light of a recent decision in a court of common pleas to reject plans for the Lower Lanark development of 8 permanently affordable homes, City of Bridges is currently working on a solution
- 2) The tenants of 21 Lanark are interested in purchasing the property through OWN PGH
- 3) Discussion was had regarding the sale at treasurer's auction of 8 and 1 Carrie St. (one of which is condemned). Current residents are living without utility and will therefore be engaged by City of Pittsburgh homeless services. L. Bagshaw and J. Hanrahan express concern about displacing residents. S. Stadleman expresses concern about this discussion being brought before the board of directors

### **Beautification**

- 1) Litter Brigade is resumed on Mondays
- 2) Fineview Community Garden has been mulched

### **New Business**

- 1) G. Manley distributes information about performances of EZELL on September 28th-October 1st
- 2) M. McDonough raises the issue of Violence Prevention and expresses interest in bringing the discussion back to the forefront during community meetings.
- 3) Staffing concerns regarding transfer of leadership and payable hours were briefly reviewed and discussed by D. Barker & D. Johnson
- 4) Bowling at Elks will be on October 16th

### **Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by G Manley at 7:41pm